

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are proud to congratulate Frank Anselmo of
4 Lombard, on his retirement from the Cook County Juvenile
5 Probation Department on July 31, 2002; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Anselmo has spent his lifetime helping
7 children of all walks of life, fortunate and unfortunate,
8 starting his career teaching at Blessed Agnes Grammar School
9 in Chicago, moving on to the Cook County Juvenile Detention
10 Center as a caseworker, and since November, 1976, as a
11 Juvenile Probation Officer in Cook County; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Anselmo received his Bachelor of Arts degree
13 in Sociology in 1969 from Quincy College, after starting at
14 DePaul University and distinguishing himself at Fenwick High
15 School in Oak Park; and

16 WHEREAS, The professional career of Mr. Anselmo has been
17 distinguished by his exceptional efforts on behalf of his
18 beloved juveniles, some of whom experienced only the love and
19 care of Frank Anselmo, working as a delinquent field officer
20 in both the City of Chicago and Suburban Cook County, a
21 compliance screening officer and as an advocate for minors
22 referred to residential placements; and

23 WHEREAS, Mr. Anselmo has received numerous letters of
24 commendation, awards, and recognitions for his tireless
25 efforts, including the Recognition Award from the Illinois
26 Probation and Court Services Association for his
27 contributions to the probation profession throughout his
28 career; and

29 WHEREAS, Mr. Anselmo was equally devoted to his
30 co-workers as he was to his juvenile clients, mentoring young
31 probation officers and teaching them from the heart, not from

1 the rule book, becoming a modern day version of John
2 Augustus, the father of probation, and receiving the greatest
3 recognition of all, being universally acclaimed as a
4 "Probation Officer's Probation Officer"; and

5 WHEREAS, Like John Augustus, Frank Anselmo is truly a
6 pioneer in human service, placing the needs of "his"
7 juveniles and "his" co-workers above his own, epitomizing Mr.
8 Augustus' self description, "My mission has been to raise the
9 fallen, reform the criminal and so far as my humble abilities
10 would allow, to transform the abode of suffering and misery
11 to the home of happiness"; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Anselmo, continued the great example of
13 public service and personal service provided by his parents,
14 the late Henry, a battalion chief with the Chicago Fire
15 Department, and Mary (Vicari) Anselmo, and his four siblings,
16 Monica Vance, Henry, Mary Ellen and Theodora Kolb, and is the
17 loving father to Mathew (Heather), Frank and Kathryn; and

18 WHEREAS, In addition to his reputation as the family
19 prankster, he is also recognized as the "Best Brother in the
20 World" by at least three out of four of his siblings; and

21 WHEREAS, Mr. Anselmo has courageously, and in constant
22 good humor, fought a highly personal battle against kidney
23 cancer, taking solace in that battle's continued success and
24 the army of friends and family, whose prayers have made that
25 battle a victory; therefore, be it

26 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-
27 SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
28 congratulate Frank Anselmo on his retirement from the Cook
29 County Juvenile Probation Department and wish him all the
30 best in his future endeavors; and be it further

31 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to Frank Anselmo as an expression of our esteem and
2 additional copies be presented to the Circuit Court of Cook
3 County, Juvenile Justice and Child Protection Department in
4 recognition of Mr. Anselmo's distinguished career there.